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AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

[c01] (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:

a chain dangling from a means for supporting the apparatus; and

a generally hook-shaped saddle for supporting a communications cable thereacross, the saddle comprising a crown, a stem downwardly extending from the crown, and a generally semi-circular section outwardly extending from the stem and forming the saddle;

the crown including an open-ended slot for sliding onto a link of the chain and a chain hook outwardly extending from the crown, the chain hook having an outer tip sized to insert into and through an opening in another link of the chain, the chain hook for looping excess chain that dangles below the crown,

wherein the crown can be positioned along the chain, thus varying the height of the saddle along the chain and helping maintain a desired routing of the communication cable.

[c02] (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a second generally hook-shaped saddle downwardly extending from the crown, the second generally hook-shaped saddle for supporting additional communications cable thereacross.

[c03] (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the generally hook-shaped saddle includes a flange at an outer edge thereof, the flange stiffening the generally hook-shaped saddle.

[c04] (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the saddle includes a gate hinged to an outer tip thereof, the gate providing access to the semi-circular section so that the communication cable may be securely inserted therethrough.

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- [c05] (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the open-ended slot inwardly extends from an outer edge of the crown.
- [c06] (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the crown comprises a downwardly extending skirt.
- [c07] (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the saddle includes a notch, the notch inwardly extending from an outer edge of the saddle, the notch for locating a tie that secures the communications cable within the saddle.
- [c08] (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the saddle includes a pair of notches, a first notch inwardly extending from an outer edge of the saddle, a second notch inwardly extending from an opposite outer edge of the saddle, the pair of notches for locating a tie that secures the communications cable within the saddle.
- [c09] (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the saddle includes a hook, the hook outwardly extending from an outer edge of the saddle, the hook for locating a tie that secures the communications cable within the saddle.
- [c10] (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the saddle includes a pair of hooks, a first hook outwardly extending from an outer edge of the saddle, a second hook outwardly extending from an opposite outer edge of the saddle, the pair of hooks for locating a tie that secures the communications cable within the saddle.
- [c11] (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the means for supporting the apparatus comprises a threaded member for threading into a supporting surface.
- [c12] (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the means for supporting the apparatus comprises an "S"-shaped member for hooking onto a supporting surface.

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[c14] (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:

a chain dangling from a means for supporting the apparatus; and

a generally hook-shaped saddle for supporting a communications cable thereacross, the saddle comprising a crown, a stem downwardly extending from the crown, and a generally semi-circular section outwardly extending from the stem and forming the saddle;

the crown including an open-ended slot for sliding onto a link of the chain and a downwardly extending skirt,

wherein the crown can be positioned along the chain, thus varying the height of the saddle along the chain and helping maintain a desired routing of the communication cable.

[c15] (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising a second generally hook-shaped saddle downwardly extending from the crown, the second generally hook-shaped saddle for supporting additional communications cable thereacross.

[c16] (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 14, wherein the open-ended slot inwardly extends from an outer edge of the crown.

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[c18] (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 14, further comprising a notch inwardly extending from an outer edge of the saddle, the notch for locating a tie that secures the communications cable within the saddle

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~~An apparatus, comprising:~~

~~a chain dangling from a means for supporting the apparatus;~~

~~a generally hook-shaped saddle for supporting a communications cable thereacross, the saddle comprising a crown, a stem downwardly extending from the crown, a generally semi-circular section outwardly extending from the stem and forming the saddle, and a notch, the notch inwardly extending from an outer edge of the saddle, the notch for locating a tie that secures the communications cable within the saddle;~~

~~a second generally hook-shaped saddle downwardly extending from the crown, the second generally hook-shaped saddle for supporting additional communications cable thereacross; and~~

~~the crown including an open-ended slot for sliding onto a link of the chain,~~

~~wherein the crown can be positioned along the chain, thus varying the height of the saddle along the chain and helping maintain a desired routing of the communication cable.~~

[c19] (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 18 14, wherein the open-ended slot inwardly extends from an outer edge of the crown.

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